GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department - A.P. Housing Board - Allegations of irregularities made against Sri T.S.V.Ratnam, the then Public Relations Officer and CPRO (Retired), APHB, regarding releasing of advertisements under Rajiv Swagruha scheme during March, 2007 and violation of guidelines - Disciplinary proceedings initiated - Enquiry conducted - Charges not proved - Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 410 **Dated: 31-05-2019**

Read the following:-

1) From the G.A. (V&E) Department, Alert Note No.139 (C.No.728/V&E/D1/ 07), Dated.31.12.2008.
2) Govt. Letter No.342/HB-1/2009-1, Housing (HB-1) Department, Dated.05.02.2009.
3) Charge Memo No.420/B7/VO/2012, Dated.18.06.2013 issued by the Vice Chairman & Housing Commissioner, A.P. Housing Board.
4) Written Statement of Defence of Sri T.S.V.Ratnam, Chief Public Relations Officer, Dated.22.07.2013.
5) Proceedings No.420/B7/V.O./2009, Dated.21.02.2014 issued by the Vice Chairman & Housing Commissioner, A.P. Housing Board.
6) Enquiry Report from Sri B.Raja Gopala Rao, Chief Engineer & Inquiry Officer, A.P. Housing Board, Hyderabad, Letter No.420/Enquiry/B7/V.O/ 2009, Dated.22.05.2014.
7) Govt.Memo.No.1219676/Vig.II/2018, MA&UD (Vig.II) Department, Dated.17.09.2018.
8) Written representation of Sri T.S.V.Ratnam, Chief Public Relations Officer (Retd), Dated.03.11.2018.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the G.A. (V&E) Department officials have enquired into the allegations that, A.P. Housing Board, Hyderabad has sustained a loss in shape of 15% commission while releasing the advertisements under Rajiv Swagruha Scheme to News Papers by the Public Relations Officer, A.P. Housing Board, Hyderabad and recommended to initiate disciplinary action against the then Public Relations Officer, A.P. Housing Board for failing to adhere to the instructions of the Government issued in the matter of publications of advertisements from time to time.

2. Government after careful examination of the matter, the Vice Chairman & Housing Commissioner, A.P. Housing Board, Hyderabad was requested to take necessary action on the recommendations of the V&E Department and furnish action taken report vide reference 2nd read above. Accordingly, the Vice Chairman & Housing Commissioner, A.P.H.B has issued Chare Memo against Sri T.S.V.Ratnam, former PRO, APHB, Hyderabad vide reference 3rd above.

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3. In reply to charge Memo, the Charged Officer, has submitted reply to each charge and requested the higher authorities to drop the charges framed against him as the charges are factually not correct vide reference 4th read above.

4. Subsequently, the Vice Chairman & Housing Commissioner, A.P. Housing Board, Hyderabad has appointed Sri B.Rajagopala Rao, Chief Engineer, A.P. Housing Board, Hyderabad as an Inquiry Authority to enquire into the charges framed against Sri T.S.V.Ratnam, former PRO, APHB, Hyderabad vide reference 5th read above. The Inquiry Authority has conducted enquiry and submitted enquiry report stating that, all the three charges framed Sri T.S.V.Ratnam, former PRO are not held proved in the enquiry vide reference 6th read above.

5. Government have examined the Enquiry Report in detail and in the reference 7th read above, while communicating a copy of Enquiry Report the charged officer was directed to submit his written representation if any, on the findings of the Enquiry Officer under Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991. In the references 8th read above, the charged officer Sri T.S.V.Ratnam, Chief Public Relations Officer (Retired), A.P. Housing Board has submitted his written explanation and requested to drop further action against him.

6. Government after careful examination of the matter and keeping in view of the findings of Enquiry Officer, it has been decided to drop further action against Sri T.S.V.Ratnam, former PRO and Chief Public Relations Officer (Retired), A.P. Housing Board, as all the three charges framed against him are not held proved in the enquiry.

7. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against Sri T.S.V.Ratnam, former PRO and Chief Public Relations Officer (Retired), A.P. Housing Board, as all the three charges framed against him are not held proved in the enquiry.

8. The Vice Chairman and Housing Commissioner, A.P. Housing Board, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

9. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R.KARIKAL VALAVEN
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri T.S.V.Ratnam, CPRO (Retired), A.P. Housing Board
– through the VC&HC, APHB, Vijayawada.
The Vice Chairman & Housing Commissioner,
A.P. Housing Board, Prasadampadu, Vijayawada.

Copy to:
The General Administration (V&E) Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER.